

Appl. No. 09/892,690  
Amtd. Dated: March 21, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of January 12, 2005

**REMARKS**

Claims 1- 4 are pending in the Application, and claims 3-4 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 has been objected, and claim 2 has been allowed. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

***Claim Objections***

Claim 1 stands objected to because of informalities. The term "truncating", in line 5 of claim 1, has been amended to cite the term "equalizing", as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, claim 1 is believed to be allowable. Withdrawal of the claim objections is respectfully requested.

***Conclusion***

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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